

**STATUTORY REFERENCES  
FOR  
MARYLAND CITIES AND TOWNS**

The statutory references listed below refer the code user to state statutes applicable to Maryland cities and towns. They are up to date through June, 2004.

**General Provisions**

Definitions and classes of municipalities  
Md. Const., Art. XI-E, § 2; ACM Art.  
23A § 10

Home rule  
Md. Const., Art. XI-E, § 3; ACM Art  
23A § 9

Charters  
Md. Const. Art. XI-E §§ 3, 4, and 6;  
ACM Art. 23A §§ 11-18

Annexations  
ACM Art. 23A § 19

Elections  
ACM Art. 23A §§ 30, 46 and 47 and  
ACM Art. 33

Municipal codes  
ACM Art. 23A § 17D et seq.

Indictments for ordinance violations  
ACM Art. 27 § 615

Penalties for ordinance violations  
ACM Art. 23A § 3; Art. 24 § 14-101

Places of detention  
ACM Art. 23A § 8A

**Administration and Personnel**

Town officers  
ACM Art. 23A § 29

Mayor  
ACM Art. 16A § 33

Meetings of legislative body  
ACM Art. 23A § 8

Legislative powers generally  
Md. Const. Art. XI-E § 3 and ACM Art.  
23A § 2

Registration of municipal documents  
ACM Art. 23A § 9A

Municipal employees  
ACM Art. 24 § 1-107

Employee merit system authorized  
ACM Art. 23A § 2(b)(19)

**Revenue and Finance**

Fiscal procedures generally  
ACM Art. 23A § 2

Fiscal year  
ACM Art. 19 § 35, Art. 24 § 1-102

Tax and debt limitations  
Md. Const., Art. XI-E, § 5

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### Investments

ACM Art. 95 § 22 et seq.

### Sales tax

ACM Art. TG § 11-101 et seq.

### Property tax

ACM Art. TP § 3-101 et seq.

### Tax liens authorized

ACM Art. 23A § 2(b)(17)

### Purchasing

ACM Art. 23A § 2

### Creation of municipal public debt

ACM Art. 23A § 31 et seq.

### Income tax

ACM Art. TG § 10-101 et seq.

### Uniform system of accounting

ACM Art. 19 §§ 35—41

### Claims against cities

ACM Art. CJ 5-306; Art. 23A §§ 1A and 1B

### Admissions and amusement tax

ACM Art. TG § 4-101 et seq.

### Annual audit

ACM Art. 19 §§ 40 and 41; Art. 23A § 2

### Mobile home and trailer park taxes

ACM Art. 24 § 9-401 et seq.

## **Business Licenses, Taxes and Regulations**

### Authority to license businesses

ACM Art. 23A § 2

### Franchises

ACM Art. 23A §§ 2 and 2A; Art. CA § 3-102

### Transient vendors

ACM Art. BR § 17-20A-01 et seq.

### Taxis

ACM Art. TR § 25-101.1

## **Animals**

### Regulation of animals

ACM Art. 24 § 11-501 et seq.

### Dangerous dogs

ACM Art. 27 § 70E

## **Health and Safety**

### Food

ACM Art. 23A § 2

### Nuisances

ACM Art. 23A § 2

### Quarantine and contagious diseases

ACM Art. 23A § 2

### Fire prevention

ACM Art. 23A § 6

### Garbage

ACM Art. 23A § 2; Art. 25 § 14A

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### **Public Peace, Morals and Welfare**

Crimes generally  
ACM Art. 27

Crimes against public peace  
ACM Art. 27 § 121 et seq.

Curfew for minors  
ACM Art. 23A § 2

Weapons  
ACM Art. 27 § 36H; 23A § 2

### **Vehicles and Traffic**

Power to adopt regulations  
ACM Art. TR §§ 25-101.1 and 25-102

State traffic law uniformity  
ACM Art. TR § 25.101.1

Driving while intoxicated  
ACM Art. TR § 21-902

Parking  
ACM Art. TR § 25-102; Art. 23A § 44

Traffic control devices  
ACM Art. TR 25 §§ 105 and 106

### **Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places**

Powers of towns regarding streets and  
sidewalks  
ACM Art. 23A § 2

Public recreation and parks  
ACM Art. 23A § 7A

Port facilities  
ACM Art. TR § 6-307; Art. 23A § 2

Street lighting  
ACM Art. 23A § 44

Cemeteries  
ACM Art. 23A § 2

### **Public Services**

Water and sewer plumbing  
ACM Art. 23A § 2

Water and sewer systems  
ACM Art. HE §§ 9-704—9-727; Art.  
23A § 2A

Water rates  
ACM Art. 78 § 55

Garbage  
ACM Art. 23A § 2; Art. 25 § 14A

### **Buildings and Construction**

Building and sign regulations authorized  
ACM Art. 23A § 2(b)(5)

Building construction  
ACM Art. 23A § 2

Fire prevention  
ACM Art. 23A § 6

### **Subdivisions**

Local control of subdivisions  
ACM Art. 66B § 5.01 et seq.

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### **Zoning**

Planning commission

ACM Art. 66B §§ 3.01—3.09

General zoning regulations

ACM Art. 66B §§ 4.01—4.09